

Abstract

Bachelor thesis *The Impact of the Operation Gatekeeper on the number of illegal immigrants into the United States* deals with the effort of the United States of America to improve the border protection against the entry of illegal aliens, mostly from Mexico. The paper initially focus on the history of border enforcement and Border Patrols on the U.S.-Mexico boundary. Another chapter is devoted to historical and territorial context of the area between the U.S. city of San Diego and Mexican city of Tijuana. Consequently, the paper attempts to explain the reasons why the United States had to increase border control and devised programs to improve defense but also the promotion to the floor of Congress and the general public. Operation Gatekeeper was a part of the program, which included the area on the west coast, in the San Diego sector. The paper also stated what was involved during the operation, what was part of it. Attention is paid to the impacts that were associated with the topic of Gatekeeper. These include reducing the number of illegal crossings in the San Diego, but illegal immigrants attempt trying in another territory, as well as an increased risk for illegal immigrants in less accessible areas or the development of professional smugglers. In conclusion, the paper try to explain the connection between the Operation Gatekeeper and the implementation of NAFTA and possible falsification of statistics of Border Patrols due to the operation seemed more successful.